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ending March 31, 1988

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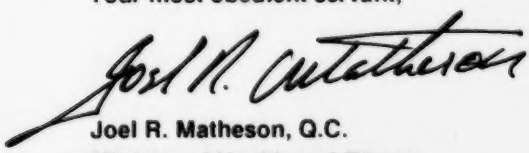
To His Honor,
The Honorable Lloyd R. Crouse, P.C.
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the honor to present the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Health Services and Insurance Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Joel R. Matheson, Q.C.
Minister of Health and Fitness

To The Honorable Joel R. Matheson, Q.C.
Minister of Health and Fitness
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the honor to present the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Health Services and Insurance Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Clemm E. Larsen, C.D.
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

This is the fifteenth annual report of the Health Services and Insurance Commission to the Honorable Minister of Health and Fitness and is made pursuant to Section 16(1) of the Health Services and Insurance Act.

Programs provided to residents which are the responsibility of the Commission are:

(1) Physicians' services

(2) Surgical-dental services performed in hospitals

(3) Vision analyses by optometrists

(4) Drug program for residents 65 years of age and over

(5) Dental services for children to age 16, and for students registered with the School for the Blind

(6) Drug program for cystic fibrosis patients

(7) Dental program for patients with cleft lip/cleft palate

(8) Drug program for diabetes insipidus related to the pituitary gland

(9) Program of drugs for cancer patients

(10) Prosthetic services program

(11) Drug program for patients with a certified growth hormone deficiency.

The Commission consists of twelve members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Twelve regular meetings were held by the Commission during the year. Committees of the Commission met as required throughout the year.

Maritime Medical Care continued to carry out the day-to-day administration of the various programs.

The total number of claims processed under all programs was 8,043,000, a 4.3 percent increase over the previous year.

Total payments increased by 8.4 percent to $264,558,388. Statistical data relating to all programs are included in the statistical section of this report. More detailed data are available on request.

HIGHLIGHTS 1987-88

1. Mr. George S. Fairn retired as a member of the Commission on April 30, 1987 and Dr. D. C. T. Macintosh retired on December 31, 1987.

2. Mr. Malcolm MacQuarrie was appointed as a member of the Commission on September 1, 1987 and Dr. George S. Zwicker was appointed on February 11, 1988.

3. The Commission introduced a new program to provide synthetic growth hormones to patients who have not reached adulthood and who have a certified growth hormone deficiency.

4. All Commission Committees were reviewed and a new Committee structure was introduced (organization chart page following).

5. A policy allowing for the electronic transfer of payments to providers was introduced and approximately 50 percent of physicians, dentists and pharmacists took advantage of the new system.

6. A reciprocal agreement with other provinces allowing physicians to bill their home province for services provided to insured residents of other provinces was developed. All provinces except Quebec have signed the agreement for implementation on April 1, 1988.

7. The Dentist's Manual was rewritten in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Dental Association during 1987-88 for introduction on April 1, 1988.

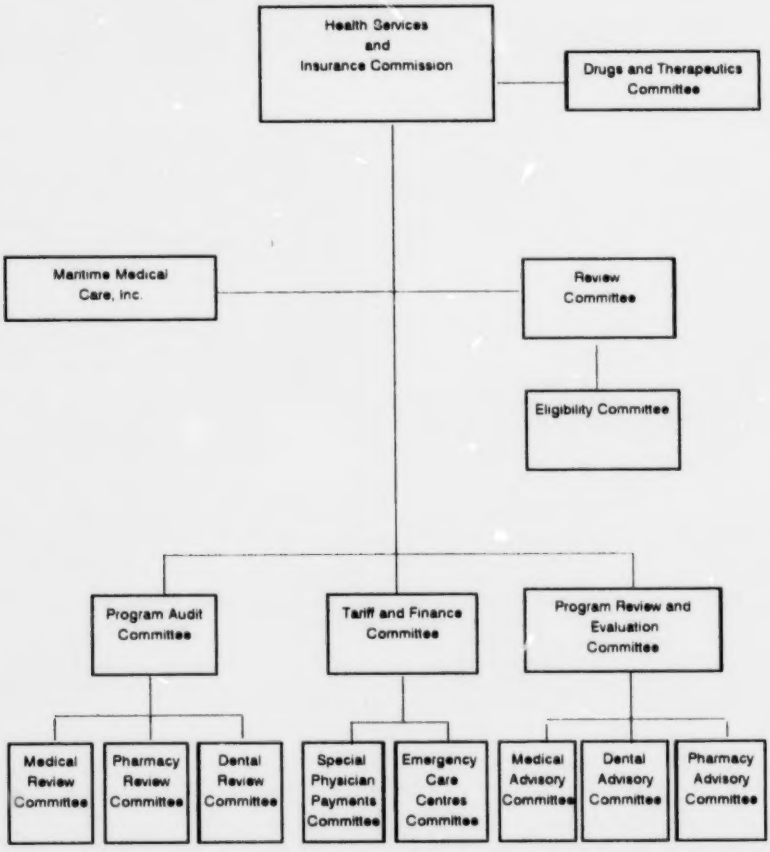
8. Tariff increases for physicians and dentists of 3 percent were granted in line with existing agreements with the Nova Scotia Medical Society and the Nova Scotia Dental Association.

9. A two-year agreement was signed with the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia that provided for a 3 percent increase in the dispensing fee plus 40 cents for substituting a lower priced drug for a more costly drug where substitution is allowed.

10. A two-year agreement was signed with the Nova Scotia Association of Optometrists providing for a 3% increase in tariff for 1987-88 and a cost-of-living increase for 1988-89.

11. An inquiry was held into the irregular submission of claims by a physician and the physician was ordered not to practice under the plan for a designated period of time.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
April, 1987



GENERAL INFORMATION

LEGISLATION

The Health Services and Insurance Commission was established by Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1973 - the Health Services and Insurance Act.

This Act repealed the Medical Care Insurance Act and the Hospital Insurance Act. The Health Services and Insurance Act was amended by Chapter 2 of the Statutes of 1977, at which time responsibility for the hospital programs was deleted from the Commission's responsibility. The Commission continues to provide insurance coverage to Nova Scotia residents for a wide range of services provided by physicians, dentists, optometrists and pharmacists.

Effective July 1, 1984, the Health Services and Insurance Act was amended by Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1984. The effect of the amendment was to preclude billing above tariff by physicians, dentists and optometrists. The amendment also established a system of final offer arbitration for resolution of issues relating to compensation.

THE COMMISSION

The wide range of services provided to residents of Nova Scotia is administered by a Commission consisting of not fewer than 9 or more than 12 members responsible to the Minister of Health and Fitness. At year end there were 12 members, including 2 physicians nominated by The Medical Society of Nova Scotia and 2 members nominated by the Association of Health Organizations.

Each Commissioner holds office for such term as is prescribed by his or her appointment and is eligible for reappointment but shall not hold office for a term or terms exceeding six consecutive years. Mr. William MacDonald, Mr. Malcolm MacQuarrie, Professor R. G. Murray, Dr. Bruce Pretty and Dr. George S. Zwicker were appointed as members of the Commission during 1987-88.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission has the function and the power

11. (1) (a) to negotiate in good faith compensation for insured medical services between the Commission on behalf of the Province and

(i) the Society on behalf of duly qualified medical practitioners in the Province who provide insured medical services, or

(ii) a professional organization representing persons in the Province who render insured medical services and who are not duly qualified medical practitioners;

(b) to participate in any process of final offer arbitration as provided for in this Section;

(ba) to establish the tariff or tariffs of fees or other system of payment for insured medical services determined in accordance with this Section and, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to authorize payments in respect thereof;

(c) to interpret tariffs and determine their application to the assessment of claims;

(d) to conduct surveys and research in relation to services that are insured under this Act;

(e) to perform such other functions as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Governor in Council or the Minister;

(f) to do all other acts and things that the Commission considers necessary or advisable for the purpose of carrying out effectively the intent and purposes of this Act.

FUNDING

The funds to carry out the purposes and functions of the Commission are provided by appropriations from the Legislature and all services are rendered without the payment of premiums or co-insurance charges imposed by the Commission or the Province.

ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Director, Mr. Derek C. Dinham, is responsible to the Commission for the overall direction of the plan. Maritime Medical Care, Incorporated is responsible for the day-to-day administration and for the assessment of claims in respect of insured services in accordance with the tariffs established by the Commission. It is also responsible for paying claims in accordance with the Act and Regulations.

Maritime Medical Care, Incorporated was paid $7,365,890 for the costs incurred in administering the M.S.I. Plan.

TARIFF DEVELOPMENT

Under the Act, the Commission has the power and the responsibility to establish a tariff or tariffs of fees or other system of payment for insured services. In carrying out this function, it meets with the various societies and/or associations before establishing such tariffs or other method of payment and requests approval of the Governor in Council to make payments in respect thereof.

Tariff increases effective during 1987-88 were:

(1) medical tariff: 3 percent effective April 1, 1987;

(2) dental tariff: 3 percent effective April 1, 1987;

(3) optometric tariff: 3 percent effective April 1, 1987;

(4) the professional component of the pharmacy tariff: $7.21 effective July 1, 1987. An additional .40 cents, per prescription, is paid where a lower priced drug is substituted for a higher priced drug, when substitution is allowed.

ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS

Registration of beneficiaries is carried out by Maritime Medical Care, Incorporated.

Eligibility for benefits for residents does not depend upon prior registration. No premiums are required. Eligibility is based on the family concept and all unmarried dependents under the age of 18 are registered on the family's registration certificate. Persons 18 years of age are issued a separate registration card at the start of the month following the month in which they reach their eighteenth birthday.

New residents of Nova Scotia are required to register with Maritime

Medical Care, Incorporated.

Residents of other provinces moving to Nova Scotia are provided with coverage on the first day of the third month following the month they move to Nova Scotia. Immediate coverage is available for certain special residents on arrival in Nova Scotia. Such special residents would include landed immigrants, discharged members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and returning Canadians from abroad.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

The majority of payments are made directly to the provider by the Commission on behalf of the individual, although provision has been made for direct payment to the patient if the provider does not have opted-in status with the Commission. This, generally, is the case for services rendered outside Canada. Provision has been made by the Commission to permit the patient to assign the account to the provider concerned.

Payments made directly by the Commission to the provider will be in accordance with the tariffs established by the Commission. The level of payment for coverage provided on an out-of-Canada basis for physicians is based on the comparative fee in Nova Scotia, plus 75 percent of the balance.

No payments are made with respect to services provided at the request of a third party or for services deemed medically unnecessary.

THIRD PARTY RECOVERIES

The Commission attempts to recover amounts paid for medical services rendered as a result of the wrongful act of third parties. This function is carried out on behalf of the Commission by the Department of Health and Fitness.

During the fiscal year 1987-88, $189,002. in respect of medical services payments was recovered from third parties.

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TABLE 1
MSI Summary of Payments
12 Months Ended March 31, 1988

	1986-87	1987-88	Percent Change
Physicians Services			
Fee - For - Service Payments	$171,354,956	$182,701,509[1]	6.6
Salaried & Sessional Payments	7,158,811	7,289,250	1.8
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES	$178,513,767	$189,990,759	6.4
Dental Services			
Insured Dental - Surgical Services	$ 2,336,770	$ 2,575,378	10.2
Children's Dental Plan	11,680,418	12,169,460	4.2
Cleft Palate & Special Programs	244,652	229,335	- 6.3
TOTAL DENTAL PAYMENTS	$ 14,261,840	$ 14,974,173	5.0
Optometric Payments			
Optometric Plan	$ 3,232,093	$ 3,626,354	12.2
Prescription Drugs			
MSI Pharmacare	$ 46,905,107	$ 54,691,804	16.6
Cystic Fibrosis & Diabetes Insipidus	464,035	518,976	11.8
Cancer Society	85,849	102,851	19.8
Growth Hormones	-	78,532	N/A
Prosthetic Services	$ 497,036	$ 574,939	15.7
TOTAL MSI PAYMENTS	$243,959,727	$264,558,388	8.4
Administrative Expense, Maritime Medical Care, Incorporated	$ 7,327,963	$ 7,402,128	1.0
Administrative Expense, As a Percent of Total	3.0%	2.8%	
TOTAL	$251,287,690.	$271,960,516.	8.2

1 Includes $431,690 for Out-of-Province Hospital Out-Patient and Diagnostic Services transferred to the Department of Health in 1987-88, and $838 paid to physicians assisting at specified dental-surgical procedures.

Table 2
Physicians Services
Payment and Utilization Summary
Fiscal 1987-88 Compared with Fiscal 1986-87

	1986-87	1987-88[1]	Percent Change
Payment Summary			
Fee-For-Service Payments for Physicians Services Rendered in Nova Scotia	$168,815,482	$179,536,799	6.4
Physicians Services Rendered Outside Nova Scotia	2,539,474	3,164,710	24.6
Total Fee-For-Service Payments	$171,354,956	$182,701,509	6.6
Salaried Physicians	7,158,811	7,289,250	1.8
Total Payments for Physicians Services	$178,513,767	$189,990,759	6.4
Utilization Summary			
Persons Insured[2]	862,100	867,900	0.7
Persons Receiving Insured Services (Beneficiaries)	778,719	788,085	1.2
Percent of Persons Insured	90.3	90.8	
Services Rendered	6,660,669	6,841,568	2.7
Services Per Insured[3]	7.73	7.88	1.9
Expenditure Per Insured[4]	$207.07	$218.91	5.7
Services Per Beneficiary[3]	8.55	8.68	1.5
Expenditure Per Beneficiary[4]	$229.24	241.08	5.2

1. Of the total for physicians services $431,690 for out-of-province out-patient and diagnostic services was charged to the Department of Health and Fitness in 1987-88.

2. Estimates of insured population as of October 1 are 862,100 for 1986-87 and 867,900 for 1987-88. These figures exclude 13,600 individuals in the Armed Forces or R.C.M.P. in 1986-87, and 13,400 individuals in 1987-88.

3. Excludes services performed by physicians under salary arrangement.

4. Includes payments for salaried physicians services.

Table 3
Physicians Services
Fee-For-Service Payments
Amount Paid by Type of Service

	12 Months Ended March 31, 1987		12 Months Ended March 31, 1988		
	Amount Paid	% of Total	Amount Paid	% of Total	% Change Amount Paid
Consultations	$ 21,427,720.	12.5	$ 23,700,403.	13.0	10.6
Office Visits	57,387,455.	33.4	60,588,056.	33.2	5.6
Home Visits	4,791,714.	2.8	4,930,657.	2.7	2.9
Hospital Visits	10,966,373.	6.4	11,501,314.	6.3	4.9
Emergency & Out-Patient Dept. Visits	9,755,349.	5.7	10,540,535.	5.8	8.0
Intensive Care	1,817,375.	1.1	1,936,607.	1.0	6.6
Psychiatric Services	8,343,030.	4.9	9,170,174.	5.0	9.9
Sub-Total	$114,489,016.	66.8	$122,367,746.	67.0	6.9
Eye Examinations	2,203,020.	1.3	2,302,010	1.3	4.5
Other Diag. & Ther.	10,934,269.	6.4	12,093,322.	6.6	10.6
Sub-Total	$ 13,137,289.	7.7	$ 14,395,332	7.9	9.6
Obstetrical Care	$ 5,404,283.	3.2	$5,282,523	2.9	-2.2
Major Surgery	18,152,448.	10.6	18,581,016.	10.2	2.4
Minor Surgery	5,294,874.	3.1	5,680,032.	3.1	7.3
Surgical Asst	1,629,825.	0.9	1,665,154.	0.9	2.2
Anaesthesia	9,097,006.	5.3	9,710,773.	5.3	6.7
Sub-Total	$ 34,174,153.	19.9	$ 35,636,975.	19.5	4.3
All Other Services[1]	4,150,215.	2.4	5,018,933.	2.7	20.9
TOTAL	$171,354,956.	100.0	$182,701,509.	100.0	6.6

1. i.e., amounts paid for out-of-province services, independent consideration, detention fees and group immunization.

Table 4
Physicians Services
MSI Fee-For-Service Payments
Number of Physicians by Speciality and Payment Range [1]
(1986-87 Compared With 1987-88)

	Under $25,000		$25,000 -49,999		$50,000 -99,999		$100,000 -149,999		$150,000 -199,000	
	1987 [2]	1988 [2]	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Anaesthesia	5	9	4	5	17	15	34	29	12	19
Cardiovascular Surgery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Dermatology	3	1	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	-
General Practice	237	188	87	94	175	209	258	251	143	148
General Surgery	11	12	8	8	11	11	13	16	21	14
Internal Medicine	37	30	13	22	37	34	13	19	13	10
Neurology	2	2	1	1	4	6	1	1	1	1
Neurosurgery	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	4
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	2	2	3	2	7	6	8	11	11	6
Ophthalomolgy	4	3	-	1	1	1	2	2	6	5
Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Otolaryngology	2	2	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	3
Orthopaedic Surgery	2	1	1	1	2	-	2	3	3	4
Paediatrics	13	16	9	7	20	17	12	10	7	8
Physical Medicine	3	2	-	-	1	1	2	4	--	-
Plastic Surgery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Psychiatry	25	27	10	13	22	15	17	18	4	9
Radiology	59	55	9	9	5	5	-	2	1	-
Thoracic Surgery	7	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Urology	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	6	7
Other Specialities [3]	19	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	433	373	149	167	309	330	368	368	235	244

1. This table provides data on MSI fee-for-service payments only.
2. 1987 refers to the fiscal year 1986-87 and 1988 refers to the fiscal year 1987-88.
3. Includes Pathology (20) in 1988 and Pathology (18) and Public Health (1) in 1987.

Table 4 continued...
Number of Physicians by Speciality and Payment Range

	$200,000 -249,999		$250,000 -299,999		Over $300,000		Total	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Anaesthesia	-	2	-	-	-	-	72	79
Cardiovascular Surgery	2	-	1	3	3	3	7	7
Dermatology	-	1	1	1	2	3	12	13
General Practice	33	33	13	18	5	4	951	945
General Surgery	19	17	9	7	2	5	94	90
Internal Medicine	8	15	5	5	7	6	133	141
Neurology	-	-	-	-	1	1	10	12
Neurosurgery	2	1	-	-	-	-	6	6
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	6	8	-	2	5	4	42	41
Ophthalmology	9	8	4	2	8	12	34	34
Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Otolaryngology	3	3	5	3	5	6	20	20
Orthopaedic Surgery	1	3	6	4	3	4	20	20
Paediatrics	1	2	-	2	-	-	62	62
Physical Medicine	1	1	1	1	-	-	8	9
Plastic Surgery	3	2	1	2	1	1	8	8
Psychiatry	2	2	1	-	-	1	81	85
Radiology	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	71
Thoracic Surgery	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	7
Urology	3	5	3	2	1	1	17	18
Other Specialities	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	20
TOTAL	93	103	50	54	43	51	1,680	1,690

1. This table provides data in MSI fee-for-service payments only.
2. 1987 refers to the fiscal year 1986-87 and 1988 refers to the fiscal year 1987-88.
3. Includes Pathology (20) in 1988 and Pathology (18) and Public Health (1) in 1987.

Table 5
MSI Dental Plans
Payment and Utilization Summary

PAYMENT SUMMARY

	1986-87	1987-88
Children's Dental & Dental Surgical[1]		
Services in Nova Scotia	$14,004,147	$14,732,808
Services Outside Nova Scotia	13,041	12,030
TOTAL	$14,017,188	$14,744,838
Special Dental Programs[2]	244,652	229,335
TOTAL Dental Payments	$14,261,840	$14,974,173

UTILIZATION SUMMARY

	Dental Surgical		Children's Dental	
	1986-87	1987-88	1986-87	1987-88
Services Rendered	31,932	32,722	521,044	513,592
Amount Paid	$2,336,770	$2,575,378	$11,680,418	$12,169,460
Persons Insured	862,100	867,900	204,100	201,000
Persons Receiving Insured Services (Beneficiaries)	10,295	10,560	127,325	126,968
Percent of Persons Insured	1.2%	1.2%	62.4%	63.2%
Services Per Insured Person	.04	.04	2.55	2.56
Paid Per Insured Person	$2.71	$2.97	$57.23	$60.54
Services Per Beneficiary	3.10	3.10	4.09	4.05
Paid Per Beneficiary	$226.98	$243.88	$91.74	$95.85

1. The Children's Dental Plan covers all children under 16 years of age.

2. Special Dental Programs include persons who have a cleft palate; in-hospital services to persons who are severely mentally retarded; and children at the Halifax School For the Blind born prior to 1967. Amounts paid were:

	1986-87	1987-88
Cleft Palate	$213,314	$199,011
Mental Retardation	30,717	29,382
School for the Blind	621	942

Additional information on the Cleft Palate Plan is reported in Tables 15 to 17.

TABLE 6

MSI Dental Plan

Payments to Dentists, by Payment Range

1986-87 and 1987-88

	Less Than $5,000		$5,000 -9,999		$10,000 -14,999		$15,000 -19,999		$20,000 -29,999		$30,000 -39,999		$40,000 -49,999		$50,000 -99,999		$100,000 And Over		Total	
	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88
Children's Dental																				
General Practitioners	42	39	30	29	25	29	29	24	34	46	34	32	25	31	83	80	9	10	311	320
Specialists	29	34	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	39	46
TOTAL	71	73	31	31	27	31	30	26	36	47	34	32	26	32	84	82	11	12	350	366
Dental Surgical																				
General Practitioners	45	37	2	3	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	44
Specialists	6	5	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	17	16
TOTAL	51	42	2	4	3	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	68	60

TABLE 7
Special Dental Programs
Payment and Utilization Summary
April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988

	Number of Beneficiaries	Number of Services	Amount Paid
Cleft Palate	426	2,500	$199,011
Mentally Retarded	97	794	29,382
Halifax School for the Blind	14	23	942

TABLE 8
Optometric Services
Payment and Utilization Summary

	1986-87	1987-88	Percentage Change
PAYMENT SUMMARY			
Payments to Optometrists in Nova Scotia	$3,219,866	$3,614,228	12.2
Out-of-Province	12,227	12,126	-0.8
TOTAL	$3,232,093	$3,626,354	12.2
UTILIZATION SUMMARY			
Services Rendered	118,618	129,176	8.9
Persons Insured[1]	862,100	867,900	0.7
Persons Receiving Services (Beneficiaries)	114,751	125,061	9.0
Percentage of Persons Insured	13.3	14.4	
Services Per 1,000 Insured	138	149	8.0
Expenditure Per 1,000 Insured	$3,749	$4,178	11.4
Services Per 1,000 Beneficiaries	1,034.	1,033	-0.1
Expenditure Per 1,000 Beneficiaries	$28,166	$28,997	3.0

1. Estimates of insured population as of October 1 are 862,000 for 1986-87 and 867,900 for 1987-88. These figures exclude 13,600 individuals in the Armed Forces or R.C.M.P. in 1986-87, and 13,400 individuals in 1987-88.

TABLE 9
Optometric Services
Number of Optometrists Paid, by Payment Range
1986-87 and 1987-88

	Less Than $20,000		$20,000 -39,999		$40,000 -59,999		$60,000 -79,999		$80,000 And Over		Total	
Location	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88
Urban	4	3	3	2	10	5	5	7	7	10	29	27
Rural	5	2	6	2	6	8	5	4	7	10	29	26
TOTAL	9	5	9	4	16	13	10	11	14	20	58	53

TABLE 10
MSI Pharmacare
Payment and Utilization Summary
April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988

	1986-87	1987-88	Percent Change
Payment Summary			
Payments for Prescriptions Dispensed			
-by participating pharmacies	$45,623,664	$53,386,727	17.0
-by other providers	561,167	565,071	0.7
-by providers outside Nova Scotia	65,491	84,245	28.6
	$46,250,322	$54,036,043	16.8
Homes for Special Care[1]	654,785	655,761	0.2
TOTAL	$46,905,107	$54,691,804	16.6
Utilization Summary			
Persons Insured	105,000	107,000	1.9
Persons Receiving Insured Services (Beneficiaries)[2]	97,837	100,615	2.8
Percent of Persons Insured	93.2	94.0	
Prescriptions Dispensed	2,299,255	2,453,975	6.7
Prescriptions Per Insured	21.9	22.9	4.6
Expenditure Per Insured	$440.48	$505.01	14.6
Prescriptions Per Beneficiary[2]	23.5	24.4	3.8
Expenditure Per Beneficiary[2]	$472.73	$537.06	13.6

1. Special payment arrangements are in effect for residents of certain Homes for Special Care. These include reimbursement of drug costs and payments for pharmacy services on a sessional or capitation fee basis.

2. Excludes persons residing in Nursing Homes that are authorized providers of prescription drugs.

TABLE 11
Cystic Fibrosis and Diabetes Insipidus Programs
Payment and Utilization Summary
April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988

	1986-87	1987-88
PAYMENT SUMMARY		
Cystic Fibrosis		
- Drugs	$407,876	$448,946
- Equipment	11,553	27,524
TOTAL	$419,429	$476,470
Diabetes Insipidus	$44,606	$42,506
Cancer Society	$85,849	$105,406
UTILIZATION SUMMARY		
Cystic Fibrosis		
- Insured Persons	130	134
- Expenditure Per Insured Person	$3,226	$3,556
Diabetes Insipidus		
- Insured Persons	52	42
- Expenditure Per Insured Person	$858	$1,012

TABLE 12
Prosthetic Services
Payment and Utilization Summary
April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988

	1986-87	1987-88
Payment Summary		
- Artificial Limbs	$460,548	$516,381
- Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	7,632	36,950
- Ocular Prosthetics	28,856	21,608
TOTAL	$497,036	$574,939
Utilization Summary		
Insured Persons		
- Artificial Limbs	394	424
- Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	22	27
- Ocular Prosthetics	116	124
Expenditure Per Insured		
- Artificial Limbs	$1,169	$1,218
- Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	347	1,369
- Ocular Prosthetics	249	174